

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 48-51 without prejudice or disclaimer and amend claims 1, 2, 4, 22, 24, 26-29, 31, 37-39, 41, 44 and 46 as set forth below.

1. (Currently Amended) A distribution server for managing delivery of a delivery goods from a distribution center through an agent to a receiver, comprising;

means for inputting a schedule information of the receiver; and

means for managing delivery of the delivery goods on the basis of said schedule information inputted;

wherein the delivery managing means ~~setting~~ sets the date and time for its delivery operation to the receiver in the case the schedule information indicates delivery time of the delivery goods to the receiver, and ~~outputting~~ outputs the delivery goods information of the delivery goods to the agent in case the schedule information indicates to commit receiving the delivery goods to the agent.

2. (Currently Amended) A delivery managing system for managing delivery of a delivery goods from a distribution center through an agent to a receiver, comprising:

a distribution server for managing delivery of the delivery goods on the basis of ~~saida~~ delivery schedule;

an agent server for managing commission on the delivery goods by the agent;

a data transmission network for connecting said distribution server and said agent server to one another;

means in the distribution server for receiving a request for specifying how to receive the delivery goods from the client;

means in the distribution server for sending the delivery goods information to the agent designated in the request; and

means for notifying of arrival and departure of the delivery goods to and from the agent to at least one of the distribution server or the receiver from the agent.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A delivery managing system for managing delivery of a delivery goods from a distribution center through an agent to a receiver, comprising:

a distribution server for managing delivery of the delivery goods;

an agent server for managing commission on the delivery goods by the agent;

a data transmission network, through which a client, said agent server and said distribution server are connected to one another;

means for requesting a schedule information to said client;

means for receiving said schedule information from said client;

means for processing said schedule information received from the client;

means for determining data_date and time for delivery of goods to the client or outputting delivery goods information of the delivery goods to the agent, based on the processed schedule information; and

means for notifying of arrival and departure of the delivery goods to and from the agent to at least one of said distribution server and said client from the agent.

5. - 21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) A delivery managing system, comprising:

a client apparatus provided at a user side;

a distribution server, ~~being connected with said client apparatus through a network,~~ for managing a delivery of said goods; and

an agent server to be used when commission by an agent is selected on delivery of said goods, wherein said client apparatus, said distribution server and said agent server are interconnected with an information transmission network, and wherein

said distribution server comprises:

means for receiving a distribution condition which is transferred from said client apparatus, said distribution condition including an agent to be used on the delivery of said goods, ~~which is transferred from said client apparatus;~~

means for processing information for delivery of said goods to said agent, in accordance with said distribution condition; and

means for notifying the agent server of information indicating delivery of said goods, and wherein

said agent server comprises:

means for determining whether or not to send the goods to the client, based upon ~~basis of~~ a comparison result between said information transmitted to said agent server and

said information received by inputting in the client, when said goods ~~is~~ are delivered to said agent.

23. (Previously Added) The delivery managing system, as defined in claim 22, wherein said information of the delivery goods includes a contract code.

D 24. (Currently Amended) The delivery managing system, as defined in claim 22, wherein said contract code includes either one of a numerical number and a name of a seller, for uniquely identifying said delivery.

25. (Previously Added) The delivery managing system, as defined in claim 22, wherein the information processing means of said distribution server processes information for distributing said goods to the agent, depending upon condition of either one of a size of said goods and necessity of refrigeration thereof.

26. (Currently Amended) The delivery managing system, as defined in claim 22, wherein said distribution server further comprises means for outputting an abnormal condition information to either one of said agent server and said client

apparatus when detecting the goods located longer than a predetermined time in the agent, ~~to either one of said agent server and said client apparatus.~~

27. (Currently Amended) The delivery managing system, as defined in claim 22, wherein said agent server further comprises means for outputting an abnormal condition information to said client apparatus when detecting the goods located longer than a predetermined time in the agent, ~~to said client apparatus.~~

28. (Currently Amended) The delivery managing system, as defined in claim 22, wherein said client apparatus further comprises means for outputting an abnormal condition information to said agent server when detecting that the goods are located in the agent longer than a predetermined time ~~in the agent, to said agent server.~~

29. (Currently Amended) The delivery managing system, as defined in claim 22, wherein said distribution server further comprises means for receiving a change in said distribution condition from said client apparatus, and means for processing

the information in order to deliver the goods in accordance with the distribution condition changed.

30. (Previously Added) The delivery managing system, as defined in claim 22, wherein said client apparatus comprises means for receiving the delivery goods information transmitted from said distribution server.

D 31. (Currently Amended) A method for managing delivery of goods, to be used in a system, comprising:

a client apparatus provided at a receiver side;

a distribution server, being connected with said client apparatus through a network, for managing delivery of said goods; and

an agent server to be used when commission by an agent is selected on delivery of said goods, wherein said client apparatus, said distribution server and said agent server are interconnected with an information transmission network, and wherein

said distribution server ^{performs} comprises the following steps:

receiving a distribution condition that is
transferred from said ^{client apparatus} distribution center, said distribution

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condition including an agent to be used on the delivery of said goods, ~~which is transferred from said distribution server;~~

processing information for delivery of said goods to said agent, in accordance with said distribution condition;

notifying the agent server of information of the delivery of said goods; and

transmitting the information to said agent server, so that said agent server is able to determine whether or not to send the goods to the client.

32. (Previously Added) The delivery managing method, as defined in claim 31, wherein said agent server determines whether or not to send the goods to the client upon basis of a comparison result between said information transmitted to said agent server and information inputted by the client, when said goods is delivered to said agent.

33. (Previously Added) The delivery managing method, as defined in claim 31, wherein said information of the delivery goods includes a contract code.

34. (Previously Added) The delivery managing method, as defined in claim 31, wherein said contract code includes either one of a numeral number and a name of a seller, for uniquely identifying said delivery.

35. (Previously Added) The delivery managing method, as defined in claim 31, wherein the information processing step of said distribution server processes information for distributing said goods to the agent depending upon condition of either one of a size of said goods and necessity of refrigeration thereof.

36. (Previously Added) The delivery managing method, as defined in claim 31, wherein said distribution server further comprises a step for outputting an abnormal condition information when detecting the goods located longer than a predetermined time in the agent, to either one of said agent server and said client apparatus.

37. (Currently Amended) The delivery managing method, as defined in claim 31, wherein said agent server further comprises a step for outputting an abnormal condition information to said client apparatus when detecting that the

goods are located in the agent longer than a predetermined time ~~in the agent, to said client apparatus.~~

38. (Currently Amended) The delivery managing method, as defined in claim 31, wherein said client apparatus further comprises a step for outputting an abnormal condition information to said agent server when detecting that the goods are located in the agent longer than a predetermined time ~~in the agent, to said agent server.~~

39. (Currently Amended) The delivery managing method, as defined in claim 31, wherein said distribution server further comprises a step for receiving a change in said distribution condition from said client apparatus, and means for processing the information in order to deliver the goods in accordance with the changed distribution condition.

40. (Previously Added) The delivery managing method, as defined in claim 31, wherein said client apparatus comprises a step for receiving the delivery goods information transmitted from said distribution server.

41. (Currently Amended) A distribution server for use in a delivery managing system, comprising:

a client apparatus provided at a receiver side;

a distribution server for managing delivery of said goods, said distribution server being connected with said client apparatus through a network, ~~for managing delivery of said goods;~~ and

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an agent server to be used when commission by an agent is selected on delivery of said goods, wherein said client apparatus, said distribution server and said agent server are interconnected with an information transmission network, and

wherein said distribution server comprises:

means for receiving a distribution condition which is transferred from said client apparatus, said distribution condition including an agent to be used on the delivery of said goods, ~~which is transferred from said client apparatus;~~

means for processing information for delivery of said goods to said agent, in accordance with said distribution condition;

mean for notifying the agent server of an information for indicating delivery of said goods; and

means for transmitting said information so that said agent server is able to determine whether or not to send out the goods to the client.

42. (Previously Added) The distribution server, as defined in claim 41, wherein said agent server is able to determine whether or not to send out the goods to the client upon basis of a comparison result between said information transmitted to said agent server and said information received by inputting in the client, when said goods is delivered to said agent.

43. (Previously Added) The distribution server, as defined in claim 41, wherein said information of the delivery goods includes a contract code.

44. (Currently Amended) The distribution server, as defined in claim 41, wherein said contract code includes either one of a numerical number and a name of a seller, for uniquely identifying said delivery.

45. (Previously Added) The distribution server, as defined in claim 41, wherein the information processing means

of said distribution server processes information for distributing said goods to the agent, depending upon condition of either one of a size of said goods and necessity of refrigeration thereof.

46. (Currently Amended) The distribution server, as defined in claim 41, further comprising means for outputting an abnormal condition information to either one of said client apparatus and said agent server when detecting the goods located longer than a predetermined time in the agent, ~~to either one of said client apparatus and said agent server.~~

47. (Previously Added) The distribution server, as defined in claim 41, further comprising:

means for determining a date and time for delivery of said goods in accordance with said delivery condition; and

means for outputting an information on changing of the date and time for delivery of said goods when they are changed to said client apparatus.

48. - 51. (Canceled)